

**Multi-type Reference Group
Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
La Salle Academy Library**

Members Present: Patricia Brennan (RIC), Melissa Chiavaroli - virtually (Cumberland), Andrea Hajian (La Salle), Amanda Izenstark (URI), Maura Keating (Bryant), Alicia Waters (OLIS), Lisa Zawadzki (Cranston)

Members Absent: Heidi Blais (Cranston East), Jane Granatino (Barrington), Mary Zammarelli (St. Joseph)

News/Announcements: Andrea reported that the La Salle library is busy weeding and reorganizing the library to make room for the new De La Salle middle school section of the library which will open this Fall. The De La Salle Middle School will be a traditional grade 6 to 8 middle school and will replace the gifted grade 7 and 8 PEGASUS program.

Lisa reported that Cranston has finished the renovation of the reference desk and opened the new C-Lab. The C-Lab features Cube 3D printers, analog-to digital transfer equipment, digital media creation equipment and 15 laptops. Cranston is also in the process of building a local history collection.

Alicia announced that the new Youth Services Coordinator, Danielle Margarida began March 9. OLIS still needs to fill the Library Program Manager position (Karen Mellor's former position) and the State Data Coordinator position.

Tish announced that RIC has hired a new non-tenured Reference Librarian, Dragan Gill. They still need to hire a tenured librarian/assistant professor and hope to fill this position by summer. Tish also reported on the General Assembly's proposal of a bill for performance-based funding, largely based on a 4-year degree completion schedule. RIC is also collaborating with the Innovation Lab to support the Central Falls community.

Maura reported that Bryant collaborated with North Smithfield High School last week and invited 100 high school juniors to the library during the college's spring break. The students received an overview of the library and the HELIN catalog, and were given 1.5 hours to locate primary and secondary sources for a research project on the 1960s. Maura announced two new hires at Bryant: David Chianese as Library Assistant and Rachael Juskuv as Public Services Librarian. Bryant is also decentralizing the library and offering many services in the Unistructure.

Amanda reported the URI is still conducting the search for a new library Dean. The new Active Learning Classroom is behind schedule as the permits have not been obtained and therefore the classroom will not likely be ready for Fall. The University is in the process of changing the general education requirements. These changes include an updated Information Literacy requirement. Such changes will impact the library, as only 5 employees are currently able to teach the current courses. In addition, the library instructors will be increasing the course level of Information Literacy classes because of the

amount of work required for the courses. The University's new catalog will launch on June 15. Amanda has been working on web design and other librarians have been working on the back end of the catalog. Boston University has Ex Libris set up and several librarians from URI have met with them and will likely be modeling some features (advanced search) after BU's. The new catalog will immediately be tested by the 400 Talent Development Program students who begin their summer program on June 16.

Melissa reported that Cumberland has been busy recataloging the Rhode Island History room with the Dewey/BISAC hybrid model.

Planning the Conference: Alicia reported that 9 people have registered for the conference. The conference announcement has been shared on all of the library listservs. Another conference announcement will be made through the listservs at the end of March and can incorporate Heidi's flyer.

Melissa shared that the conference will be held in the Seminar room and meeting rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4. The Community room can also be utilized, if more than 30 people register. Rooms 1 and 2 have a partition that can open up between the two rooms.

Refreshments were discussed. OLIS will only pay for conferences 2 or more hours in length. Tish offered \$100 petty cash and will coordinate with Alicia and Maura.

Melissa needs the tech needs of the presenters. Cumberland will provide a laptop and projector in the seminar room. If the presenters have technology needs for the breakout sessions, please let Melissa know.

Tish volunteered to note take for the main session. Amanda will be the timekeeper for the main session and the notetakers of the breakout sessions will also be timekeepers.

Amanda will create and bring the half-page conference program. Alicia will bring nametags and notecards. Melissa will bring handouts for her breakout session.

Andrea and Lisa will work the registration table, which will be placed in the lobby of the Hayden Center.

Amanda will arrive at 2:30 and all presenters should arrive by 3:00 p.m.

Fall Programming: Amanda led a discussion of ideas for a Fall program. Some ideas included: usage statistics; website use and Google analytics, space use, ebooks/ereaders; and privacy. The idea that generated the most interest was librarians supporting technology at the library/keeping up with patrons and technology. We will discuss this idea more in depth at our next meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m. at La Salle Academy.